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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS HIGHLIGHT OF US-POLISH ECONOMIC
COUNCIL MEETING

1. THE HIGHLY FAVORABLE REACTION TO THE SPECIAL MESSAGES OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY KREPS WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE THIRD SESSION OF THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL, WHICH MET IN WARSAW MAY 23 AND 24. POLISH MEDIA GAVE THE MEETING AND THE STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PROMINENT TREATMENT. FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK MET WITH THE PRINCIPALS OF THE US SECTION ON MAY 23 FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS, ALTHOUGH THE MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO LAST ONLY 30 MINUTES. GIEREK URGED A SHARP INCREASE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF US FIRMS IN POLAND. THE POLISH AND US PARTICIPANTS WERE VERY PLEASED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF BILATERAL TRADE. BOTH SIDES WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED BY THE FORTHRIGHT STAND THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN IN RESISTING PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES.

2. DURING THE COUNCIL'S WORKING SESSIONS, A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES FOR CONCILIATION OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES WAS SIGNED.

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE US TRADE ACT AND EXIMBANK'S EXPORT-PROMOTION ACTIVITIES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED ALONG LINES WHICH ARE FAMILIAR TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OUR POLICY HAS CHANGED, THE POLISH AUTHORITIES PLACED A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE ON THE PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE

EXPANSION OF OUR BILATERAL COMMERCIAL TIES. THE RECEIPT OF THE
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ENSURED THE SUCCESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.
END COMMENT.
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